THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of annual percentage of expenditure incurred by Department of Agricultural Research and Education/Indian Council of Agricultural Research are as under:—

Year	Allocation (Rs. in crore) (Plan & Non-Plan)	Agril. DGP	%age Share of public expenditure to total Agril GDP.
1998-99	1006.19	469340	0.214
1999-2000	1211.94	493988	0.245
2000-01	1404.50	477398	0.294

However, the Department does not have any control over private sector.

(c) and (d) Though the Department has proposed Rs. 1500 crore as Annual Plan outlay for 2002-03 and Rs. 200 crore as catch up Grant, the Planning Commission has approved Rs. 775 crore only. Further, in order to make the country globally competitive to cope with the WTO regime, the Department is in the process of proposing Rs. 520 crore as additional amount to undertake research in core areas viz., bio-technology; bio-diversity; pest, disease and weed management; bio-systematics as well as first rate human resource development. The Department is consistently pursuing this issue with the Planning Commission for enhanced allocation.

Post Harvest Marketing Infrastructure for agricultural products

3962. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps of develop the post-harvest marketing infrastructure for agricultural products;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government would take any steps to enhance the marketing of coconut and coffee; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) The following steps have been taken to develop the post-harvest marketing infrastructure for agricultural products:

Save Grain Campaign was launched in 1969-70 by Department of Food and Public Distribution. Training, demonstration and publicity in the field of scientific storage of foodgrains at the farm level, improvement of grain storage structures and other activities are carried out by the Save Grain Campaign for the benefit of farmers.

The National Horticulture Board (NHB), which is an autonomous body under the Ministry of Agriculture, is implementing the following schemes for strengthening the post-harvest management infrastructure and minimizing post-harvest losses:—

(i) Capital investment subsidy for construction/modernization of cold storages and storages for horticulture produce;

(ii) Development of commercial horticulture through production and post harvest management of horticultural products.

A new Central Sector Scheme of Capital Investment Subsidy for construction/renovation/expansion of Rural Godowns has been approved on 26.2.2002 to create new 18.50 lakh tonnes storage capacity and renovation of 1.5 lakh tonnes of rural capacity by 31.3.2003.

(c) and (d) The Coffee Board had engaged the services of a leading matketing consultant and formulated a medium term export strategy for Indian coffee aimed to improve market share in key international markets and to maximize coffee export earnings. The key initiative recommended in the medium term export strategy report to improve market share of Indian coffee and maximise export earnings are as under :

- Shifting of product mix in favour of arabica.
- Ensure a competitive landed price for Indian coffee radically reducing growing costs.
- Maintain consistency in the quality of export of coffee.
- Guarantee reliability of exporters.
- Improve awareness of Indian coffee in target markets.
- Integrate India with the global coffee trade.

Similarly, to promote domestic coffee consumption, the Board recently completed a Market Research Study in urban India and based on the findings of this study, the Xth Plan programmes of the Board have proposed a suitable scheme to enhance the market share of coffee in the domestic market in the next five years.

For promotion of marketing and market information of coconut, the Department had taken up a Scheme for Integrated Development of Coconut Industry in India. Further to give focused attention to market research and promotion, a scheme on Technology Mission for Coconut has been launched during 2001-2002.

Agriculture Productivity in Adivasi Areas

3963. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to raise the productivity of agriculture in the Adivasi areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government would introduce any special credit scheme' for the Adivasis; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (d) The Department of Agriculture and Cooperation is implementing a number of Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes to increase the production and productivity of agricultural crops including providing timely and adequate credit support to farmers throughout the country including Adivasi areas. A central sector scheme on "Integrated Programme for Development of Horticulture in Hilly and Tribal areas" is also being implemented in selected districts namely Bastar (Chhattisgarh), Adilabad (Andhra Pradesh), Keonjhar (Orissa), Almora (Uttaranchal) for the development of horticulture. The State Governments/ implementing agencies have also been advised to allocate funds for Special Component Plan (SCP) for Scheduled Caste and Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) for Scheduled Tribes as per the Government guidelines on the subject.

Allocation for Farm Research

3964. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state: